

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1780

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla

February 21, 2012

An act to amend Section 65086.5 of the Government Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1780, as introduced, Bonilla. Department of Transportation: project studies reports.

Existing law requires the Department of Transportation, in consultation with transportation planning agencies, county transportation commissions, counties, and cities, to carry out long-term state highway planning. Existing law authorizes the department, to the extent that it does not jeopardize the delivery of projects in the adopted state transportation improvement program, to prepare a project studies report for capacity-increasing state highway projects. Existing law requires the department to review project studies reports performed by an entity other than the department. Existing law authorizes a local entity to request the department to prepare a project studies report for a capacity-increasing state highway project that is being proposed for inclusion in a future state transportation improvement program. If the department determines that it cannot complete the report in a timely fashion, existing law authorizes the requesting entity to prepare the report. Existing law makes specified guidelines adopted by the California Transportation Commission applicable to project studies reports commenced after October 1, 1991.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 65086.5 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:
3 65086.5. (a) To the extent that the work does not jeopardize
4 the delivery of the projects in the adopted state transportation
5 improvement program, the Department of Transportation may
6 prepare a project studies report for capacity-increasing state
7 highway projects that are not included in the state transportation
8 improvement program. Preparation of the project studies report
9 shall be limited by the resources available to the department for
10 that work, supplemented, as appropriate, by regional or local
11 resources. The project studies report shall include the
12 project-related factors of limits, description, scope, costs, and the
13 amount of time needed for initiating construction.
14 (b) Whenever project studies reports are performed by an entity
15 other than the Department of Transportation, the department shall
16 review and approve the report.
17 (c) The Department of Transportation may be requested to
18 prepare a project studies report for a capacity-increasing state
19 highway project ~~which~~ that is being proposed for inclusion in a
20 future state transportation improvement program. The department
21 shall have 30 days to determine whether it can complete the
22 requested report in a timely fashion. If the department determines
23 that it cannot complete the report in a timely fashion, the requesting
24 entity may prepare the report. Upon submission of a project studies
25 report to the department by the entity, the department shall
26 complete its review and provide its comments to that entity within
27 60 days from the date of submission. The department shall
28 complete its review and final determination of a report ~~which~~ that
29 has been revised to address the department's comments within 30
30 days following submission of the revised report.
31 (d) The Department of Transportation, in consultation with
32 representatives of cities, counties, and regional transportation
33 planning agencies, shall prepare draft guidelines for the preparation
34 of project studies reports by all entities. The guidelines shall
35 address the development of reliable cost estimates. The department

1 shall submit the draft guidelines to the California Transportation
2 Commission not later than July 1, 1991. The commission shall
3 adopt the final guidelines not later than October 1, 1991. Guidelines
4 adopted by the commission shall apply only to project studies
5 reports commenced after October 1, 1991.

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